MENT OF A PATENT JUDGE WHEELER HANDS DOWN THE DECISION

ENGINE PUMPS THE BONE

Judge Wheeler, in the United States Circuit Court esterday, handed down a decision allowing Christopher C. Campbell, in his action against the city of New-York for infringement of a patent for fire engines, the sum of \$818 074 32

the action was begun on November 24, 1877. In May 24, 1861, letters-patent for a relief valve in steam fire-engine pumps were granted to James patent enabled those engines to be operated so as to tion of property and avoided needless waste of In 1865 the Fire Department had twentysteam engines in service and four were being By the end of 1866 all the old engines had

The patent was sustained in court and an accountng of profits ordered. The Master in Chancery to case was referred reported that Campbell was entitled to only \$25,336, as profits from savings in making repairs. Exceptions were made by both plaintiff and defendant to this report, and the case came then before Judge Wheeler.

In his decision Judge Wheeler says that the evi-dence is conclusive that the city enjoyed the adrantages from the use of the patent which Campbell asserted the patent would afford. The latter contended that it brought about an economy in manual labor, in engine and pump repairs and in the use of water, prolongation in the life of the engines, increased efficiency in their use and other savings. He therefore sund for the amount saved the city n these ways by the use of the patent for all the ears it was in force. Harvey D. Hadlock, Walter K. Griffin and others represented Campbell and Ed-mund Wetmore and John R. Bennett the city. The reason for the great difference between the

sum of \$28,736 allowed by the Master in Chancery. United States Commissioner Shields, and that of united States Commissioner Shields, and that of \$13.674.22, now granted by Judge Wheeler, is that Commissioner Shields did not think that Campbell had proved conclusively many of his assertions as to the amounts of money his patents had saved the city. The claims in particular the evidence as to which was not satisfactory to Commissioner Shields were those relating to the saving in machinists' labor and in the breakage of hose. The suit has been one of the most important of a large number of patent suits which the city has had to defend in recent years. The Mayor, the Controller and the Corporation Counsel all left their troller and the Corporation Counsel all left their troller and the decision against the city.

The Controller has on account of the number of suits for patent infringements in recent years, insisted that the patentee of an article who makes a contract with the city shall give a bond to secure the city against loss. Bonds were not given, however, in 1894, when the Campbell patent was taken out, so that unless an appeal is taken from Judge Wheeler's decision, which is probable, the city will have to pay the amount.

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Master in Chancery in the Campbell case. He was
succeeded by United States Commissioner Shields.

STRANGE REQUESTS IN A WILL.

LESER HERZBERG DIRECTS THAT THE EARTH OF THE HOLY LAND BE STREWN ON HIS BODY.

The will of Leser Herzberg was filed yesterday for probate in the Surrogate's office. The testator directs that the "Shammes" of the "Beth Hamidrash Hagado" shall be instructed to send to his house three or five poor "Londim" to say over his body the Taharah, according to Jewish law. He orders that the earth of the Holy Land shall, with-

out fail, be strewn upon his body.

One thousand dollars is bequeathed by the testator to the "Kolel" authorities of the Holy Land;

tor to the "Kolel" authorities of the Holy Land; \$400 in memory of his wife. Frummet, and \$500 in his own memory. Five hundred dollars is left to the chief rabbi of Volezin, Russia, and \$100 to the Jewish orphans and widows of Jerusalem Tiberias. Hebron and Safied, in the Holy Land, to be equally divided among the four cities.

To three Jewish churches in this city is left \$100 agent. Because of his fillal conduct to his parents. Joseph Risenberg, grandson to the testator, receives \$1,500. Amelia Risenberg and Bulle Berg, the daughters, receive the residue of the estate, the value of method is not stated.

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saved grab hold of my leg." Sheenan did not grab the leg, but sank and did not rise again. His body was not recovered.

On the statement of the watchman the three men were arrested, but were not held by the sergeant at the West Forty-seventh-st. police station. Yester-day the police began to investigate the case anew, but they did not make any arrests.

REVIEW OF THE PARK POLICE.

The Park Police, who will be consolidated with the regular police force of the Greater New-York early next year, had their last parade at the Mall in Central Park yesterday morning under somewhat disappointing circumstances. The parade had been put over from Thursday morning on account of the rain, and yesterday morning the weather looked so

also, because he though the police would wait for a brighter day.

Promise of sunshine brought several thousand people into the Park rederday morning, however, and the gray-coad police turned out to show themselves to their admirers. When they marched to the Mail at 10 a.m., accompanied by the list Regiment Band they were three hundred strong, and presented an unusually fine appearance Captain C. Colline commanded the battalion, while the four companies of marching men were headed by Sergeant Froch, England, Ferris and Mulholland. The mounted squad was commanded by Sergeant Egan.

Park Commissioners McMillan, Cruier and Elly, with Andrew H. Green and Salem H. Wales, retiewed the battallor in the Mail after the police had executed a number of pretty evolutions, which provoked much applause. Mr. McMillan complimented the policeionen on their good appearance, and then introduced Mr. Green, who made a brief speech, although he looked quite feeble.

THE STEPHENSON MEDAL AWARDED. The Fire Board yesterday selected Captain Charles H. Perley, of Engine Company No. 6, in Cedar-st., as the Stephenson medal winner for the year. The medal is awarded for having the most efficient company of the year, and will be pinned on the coat of the winner, who is the son of a former chief of the Department, by Mayor Strong at the annual parade and drill of the Department in Union Square on May 20.

A BUFFALO CALF BORN TO THE CITY. Another buffalo calf was born early yesterday morning in the herd in the northern part of Van Cortlandt Park. This is the fourth calf born in the Park, and as under the terms of the agreement of the Park Department with the Austin Corbin estate, to which the herd belongs, every fourth buf-falo calf is to be property of the city, this calf is the city's ward.

AN OFFER TO TRANSPORT THE CORN. The difficulty in obtaining a vessel or vessels to transport the 15.000 tons of corn now in Brook yn warehouses, which is intended for the plaguestricken districts of India, has led to a proposition from T. Hogan & Sons, No. 95 Broad-st. They own the Menantic Steamship Company, Limited, which

runs the steamships Menantic, Massapequa and British fing, but every deflor invested in them is American. The resolution of Congress authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to charter a vessel to carry the grain to India said a vessel of American registry must be procured. Hogan & Sona have offered to carry the corn at a lew price if an American registry is granted to their vessels, and they have addressed a communication to that effect to the Secretary of the Treasury. Another vesse in the sub-reliar of the four-story building the Secretary of the Treasury. Another vesse in the Secretary of the Treasury. Another vesse in the Sub-reliar of the four-story building the Secretary of the Treasury. Another vesse in the Sub-reliar of the four-story building the Secretary of the Treasury. Another vesse in the Sub-reliar of the four-story building the Secretary of the Treasury. Another vesse in the Sub-reliar of the four-story building the Secretary of the Treasury. Another vesse in the Sub-reliar of the four-story building the Secretary of the Treasury. Another vesse in the Sub-reliar of the four-story building the Secretary of the Secretary of the Sub-reliar of the four-story building the Secretary of the Secretary of the Sub-reliar of the four-story building the Secretary of the Secretary of the Sub-reliar of the four-story building the Secretary of the Sec British fing, but every dollar invested in them is

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INVESTIGATING THE STRANGLERS.

LITTLE PROGRESS MADE IN THE ATTEMPT TO

CONNECT THEM WITH RECENT MURDERS. The prisoner known as Jacob Tolker, whose arrest caused by Mrs. Pauline Barnett, denied yester day, when he was arraigned in Yorkville Court he had robbed the woman in her room in St. Mark's Place last November. He admitted, however, that he had visited the woman in her room and had choked her when they had a quarrel about money. The prisoner declared that his name was neithe Tolker nor Talt, but he refused to tell what his real name was. He said he knew many business men in the city and could secure plenty of ball if he chose to tell his real name. Manistrate Cornell held him in \$2,000 ball for trial, and he was locked up in de-

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Before the prisoner was taken to court he was photographed at Police Headquarters, and Captain O'Brien said he would see whether the pleture was not that of the man who was with Annie Bock before she was strangled. Captain O'Brien also said fore she was strangled. Captain O'Brien also said he expected to have the prisoner recognized as an ex-convict, but a keeper who was called to Headquarters failed to recognize him.

Henry Weiss and James Flizsimmons, who were arrested late on Wednesday night for trying to chloroform and rob Farnie Vogel in her rooms at No. 62 Allen-st, and were held to await the action of the Grand Jury, were sent to the Tombs yesterday. Both boldly admit their crime and declare that they formed a plan to assault women when they were released from the House of Correction in Lawrence, Mass.

THE NEW HALL OF RECORDS.

FEARS THAT THE PROPOSED COMPETITION OF ARCHITECTS WILL RESULT IN USE-LESS DELAY.

The mea who from the first have been most connected with the movement to se cure a new Hall of Records fear that the proposa architect a matter of competition will result in de ultimate success of the project. John R. Thomas had already been selected as the architect of the hall when the New-York Chapter of the America: Institute of Architects passed a resolution sug gesting that the award for the plans be made on a competitive basis. It is thought by those mos anxious for the completion of the Hall of Records that to do this would not only be inexpedient but that there was some doubt whether Mr. Thomas DROWNED IN SIGHT OF HIS FRIENDS.

SUSPICIONS OF FOUL PLAY IN A BOATMAN'S DEATH.

Daniel Sheehan, forty-three years old, a boatman and an expert swimmer, was drowned off West Forty-third-st, just before midnight on Thursday, under circumstances which have led the police to believe that he was pushed overboard. Three companions were near him at the time, yet no effort was made to save the man.

Sheehan fell or was pushed from a float just north of the Weehawken Ferry slip, so inclosed that no person can reach it except by permission of the watchman, John Boland. Sheehan, Robert Harris, of No. 669 West Forty-second-st., and Daniel and Robert Schatfield were allowed within the inclosure on Thursday night by the watchman. As they disappeared in the darkness Boland heard Sheehan shout:

"Stop your kidding!" Then there followed a splash. Boland hurried down to the float just in time to see Sheehan's head rise above the surface of the water. Robert Harris had his leg in the water and said to the man in the water: "If you want to be saved grab hold of my leg." Sheehan did not grab the leg and and the proposed in the shortest possible time a building was to have a competition to which a limited number of the greatest considerations. Our first idea was to have a competition to which a limited number of architects should be invited, but when we considered to have already won the project new City Hall in 1823, since those pinas included a provision for a Hall of Records. The principle of competition is admitted to be a most proper one, but it applies the same consideration and its expediency are considered doubtful in the present case. S. Stanwood Menken, who has been one of the most energetic of these working for the Hall of Records was to provide in the shortest possible time a building was competition to which a limited number of architects should be invited was to have a competition to which a limited number of the greatest considerations. Our first idea was to have a competition of the great my contraction of the provi might not be considered to have already won the

A SUPPOSED VICTIM OF THIEVES.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM A HOTEL GUEST.

J. A. Willard, president of the Standard Fibre Ware Company, of Duluth, Minn., and of the Man-kate Knitting Company, of Mankate, Minn., was arraigned before Magistrate Mott, in Jefferson Market Court, yesterday on a charge of intoxication. He had been arrested at Twenty-sixth-st, and Broadway, where he was the centre of a gaping crowd about midnight on Thursday. His white hair was dishevelled, and his generally unkempt and unclean threatening that thousands of New-Yorkers who have been accustomed to see the annual drilt of the "sparrow" police stayed away. Mayor Strong, who had promised to review the parade, was unable to be present. Park Commissioner Stiles was absent also, because he though the police would wait for a brighter day.

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THE MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF GAS. The special committee of the Board of Alderman which took upon itself last December to inquire into the question of the municipal ownership of gas, met again in the City Hall yesterday to con-linue the work of investigation. Alderman Hall is chairman of the committee. He opened the meeting by inviting any who were opposed to municipal ewnership of gas to address the committee. F. B. Thurber, of the Board of Trade and Trans portation, argued that municipal ownership of the gasworks in New-York City was inexpedient at the present time. There could be no comparison, he contended, between the price of gas in New-York, where coal was brought a distance of 600 miles, and the rates which Pittsburg, Wheeling and other cities in the vicinity of the coal regions have to pay.

cities in the vicinity of the coal regions have to pay. Neither was it fair to compare the price of gas in the city with that in London and Paris, where coal is cheaper, wages are lower, and the gas supply is less in volume.

No other opponents of the scheme of municipal ownership followed Mr. Thurber, and Hugh Greenen, of District Assembly No. 48, Knights of Labor, spoke in favor of it. He said that New-York gas companies were not paying as high wages to their employees or as high prices for coal as they asserted they were. Dr. M. M. Miller, secretary of the Society for the Public Control of Franchises, also spoke in favor of municipal control. Patrick J. Collins, master workman of District Assembly No. 78, K of L., said that he wanted to go on record for his organization as being in favor of the municipal ownership of gasworks.

INCREASED BY MR. KELLY'S FAMILY. The late Eugene Kelly, the banker, of this city, left \$30,000 to St. Vincent's Hospital, in West Eleventh-st., and his family has increased the gift to WO 000, to start a fund of \$250,000 for building a new Matawan, each of which has a tonnege of 4.100 wing for the institution. The hospital was founded These are British-built ships which sail under the in 1350 by Sister Angela. Mother Superior of the wing for the institution. The hospital was founded in 150 by Sister Angela, Mother Superior of the Electric of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. She was a sister of Archbishon Hughes and an aunt of Mrs. Koly. The new wing will be erected on the Electric of the hospital, it is said, and will be used mainly for emergency cases.

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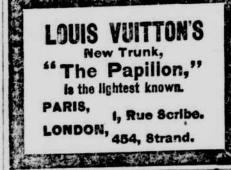
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